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Jane Henney, M.D., Commissioner
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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am writing to let you know that I support the Center for Science in Public Interest (CSPI) petition to the FDA to withdraw the approvals for the use of medically important antibiotics to promote growth in animals. We should be using these antibiotics solely for sick children and sick animals. It is well known that overuse of antibiotics results in diseases that no longer respond to these previously effective drugs. Scientists are convinced that antibiotics given to animals play a role in antibiotic resistance in human diseases.

I urge you to consider the World Health Organization's recommendation for a ban on the use of medically important antibiotics to promote animal growth. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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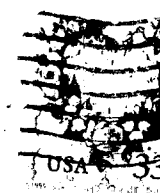
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